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REMARKS

Present Status of Patent Application

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 and 17 are now pending in this application, in which claim 1 has been amended and claim 17 has been newly added. Support for amendments to claims can be found in FIG. 2A to show a hot plate having a plurality of radially arranged internal pipelines, wherein each pipeline has an inlet and an outlet positioned adjacent to each other and along a plane parallel to the hot plate, and wherein each pipeline is separate from the other pipeline (also please see page 4, lines 13-14). It is believed that no new matter adds by way of these amendments to claims or otherwise to the application.

The Office Action dated August 14, 2002 rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hedin, Laird, or Kyees. Applicant has amended claim 1. The amended claim 1 and, thus, its dependent claims 2-7 and 17 is not anticipated by Hedin, Laird, or Kyees for at least the reasons that the cited references do not teach or suggest each and every limitations, including the added limitations, of the amended claim 1.

In view of the present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in proper condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

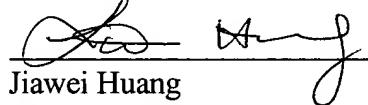
For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 1-7 and 17 are in

proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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Version with markings to show changes made

In the claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A cooling system for a hot plate, comprising:

a hot plate having a plurality of radially arranged internal pipelines, wherein each pipeline has an inlet and an outlet positioned adjacent to each other and along a plane parallel to the hot plate, and wherein each pipeline is separate from the other pipeline[, the inlet and the outlet of each pipeline are arranged into a sealed close-loop non-crossing pipeline system, the inlet is suitable for a cooling fluid to enter and the outlet is suitable for the cooling fluid to exhaust].

Claim 17 has been newly added as follows:

17. (Newly Added) The system of claim 1, wherein the inlet and the outlet of each pipeline are on a same side or within a same quadrant of the hot plate.

Claims 2-7 remained as ever.